

SB 6183-S2 - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 2ND SUBSTITUTE)

Declares an intent to establish a system to accurately monitor the incidence of hepatitis C in the state of Washington for the purposes of understanding, controlling, and reducing its occurrence, and directing appropriate resources to its treatment. To accomplish this, the legislature has determined that hepatitis C cases shall be reported to the department of health, and that a statewide population-based hepatitis C data base shall be established.

Provides that, to the extent funds are appropriated for this purpose, the department of health shall establish, staff, and maintain an up-to-date data base which shall include a record of all reported cases of hepatitis C in Washington state, and deaths attributed to hepatitis C as a primary or secondary cause.

Provides that, to the extent funds are appropriated for this purpose, the department of health shall implement a comprehensive hepatitis C public awareness and education campaign for the general public and health care providers.